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## **TWO MEN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO BUY TWO KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE POWDER**

*– Arrest Preceded By High Speed Chase Through Busy Parking Lot, Foot Chase Down  
Interstate 64*

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Shawon Carthell Hickman**, age 34, of Frankfort, Kentucky, in Franklin County, and **George Arthur Breed**, age 34, of 1734 William E. Summers Street, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, were arrested and charged in a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Louisville with knowingly attempting and conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance. Breed was also charged with assaulting, resisting or impeding a federal officer, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

According to the affidavit of a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force Officer, Hickman negotiated the purchase 2 kilograms of cocaine. At around 6:00 p.m. on June 20, 2007, Hickman and Breed arrived at the parking lot of the Sam's Club near Interstate 64 and Blankenbaker Lane to make the purchase. After arriving in the parking lot, Hickman confirmed that he had the cash to purchase the 2 kilograms of cocaine.

Breed was then handed a backpack containing 2 fake kilograms of cocaine. When Hickman and Breed saw DEA Special Agents and Task Force Officers moving in to arrest them,

Breed accelerated his vehicle away at a high rate of speed, striking the vehicle of a federal agent who was attempting to apprehend them. Breed then led the law enforcement agents on a high speed chase through the crowded Sam's Club parking lot, endangering the people in the parking lot. After Hickman and Breed's vehicle became disabled, Breed fled the vehicle on foot. Hickman was arrested in the vehicle, but Breed led law enforcement agents on a foot pursuit into oncoming traffic on I-64 before being apprehended and taken into federal custody. \$22,820 in cash was recovered from Hickman and Breed's vehicle following the arrest.

United States Attorney David L. Huber praised the efforts of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Task Force Officers and Special Agents in their effective response to these very serious offenses.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration's Task Force, which is made up of federal law enforcement agents and state and local law enforcement officers from a number of local agencies.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of life; and the minimum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment and supervised release for a period of 5 years.

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A criminal Complaint is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty

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